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SUBJECT: ISRAELI EXPORTS - FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1976

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1. FOLLOWING BULLETIN WAS RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE ON AUGUST 8: QUOTE. EXPORTS FOR PERIOD JANUARY - JULY. DURING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, NET EXPORTS OF GOODS AMOUNTED TO \$1,325 MILLION, AS AGAINST \$1,099 MILLION WORTH FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR - AN INCREASE OF 21 PERCENT. INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS (NOT INCLUDING DIAMONDS) INCREASED BY 19 PERCENT. EXPORTS OF POLISHED DIAMONDS ROSE BY 21 PERCENT, AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS BY 24 PERCENT.

2. EXPORTS FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1976 REACHED AN AVERAGE OF BETWEEN \$175 AND \$185 MILLION PER MONTH. INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS FOR THESE SEVEN MONTHS (NOT INCLUDING POLISHED DIAMONDS) AMOUNTED TO \$686 MILLION AS AGAINST \$576 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR - A 19 PERCENT INCREASE. CITRUS EXPORTS BETWEEN JANUARY AND JULY TOTALLED \$146 MILLION AS AGAINST \$141 MILLION LAST YEAR - A RISE OF 4 PERCENT, WHILST OTHER AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS INCREASED BY 72 PERCENT (FROM \$60 MILLION LAST YEAR TO \$103 MILLION FOR JANUARY-JULY 1976).

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3. IN JULY, EXPORTS OF GOODS (AT CURRENT DOLLAR PRICES)

REACHED \$187 MILLION, OF WHICH \$6 MILLION WORTH CONSISTED
AF AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS AND \$181 MILLION OF INDUSTRIAL
EXPORTS (INCLUDING \$7 MILLION WORTH OF SHIPS). THE
NET EXPORT VALUE, NOT INCLUDING THE SHIPS AND WITHOUT TAKING
THE SEASONAL CHANGES INTO ACCOUNT, ROSE BY 8 PERCENT
IN JULY. THIS WAS STATED BY THE SPOKESMEN FO THE CENTRAL
BUREAU OF STISTICS AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY, BASED ON PROVISIONAL DATA WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE
EXPORTS FROM ISRAEL TO THE TERRITORIES ADMINISTERED BY
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